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I. Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe

Special, 2005

I. Introduction

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe (La Fe) continues to operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes under section 501 C 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. The organization pursues these purposes by continually addressing barriers to improvements in education, economic health, cultural diversity, civic engagement, and other critically important social assets to support families and the development of vibrant stable neighbourhoods. La Fe has grown from five to nine health-care clinics and now includes four additional service components: (a) La Fe Cultural and Technology Center, which provides multi-media education and training, cultural arts, intergenerational programmes that strengthen families, and intercultural dialogue and pluralism activities internally and across borders; (b) La Fe Community Development Corporation, which is focused on economic development and housing, as well as career development and training in construction trades and health occupations; (c) La Fe Preparatory School, which is a charter school, currently with classes up to third grade and planned growth through high school; it is now running an Adult Learning Center involving the children's parents in career education and occupational training; and (d) La Fe Policy Research and Education Center, which is conducting social and health policy analysis and development, civic engagement, and advocacy for building stronger social and health infrastructure on the United States/Mexico border.

La Fe services annually reach over 40,000 individuals generating over 120,000 service visits which improve the health and financial security of individuals and families, most with a history of being marginalized and faced with social, economic and health disparities. The organization's leadership and services have conducted strong social justice dialogue on immigration issues with Mexico and Latin America, and conveyed cross-border health concerns, including focused attention on HIV/AIDS, health and human services access for Mexican immigrants in the United States, and cultural exchange.

The United States/Mexico border is La Fe's dominant geographic impact area.

II. Contribution to the work of the United Nations

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters

La Fe has contributed to the work of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council but is somewhat limited in direct involvement or attendance at United Nations meetings. More advance notice, clearer identification of relevant meetings and conferences, and timely budget planning for attendance will enable more direct future involvement. The organization's contributions during its first years in special consultative status were substantial in the areas of development and implementation of social awareness campaigns, expanding knowledge of major issues on the United States/Mexico border, and development and implementation of

collaborative programmes as illustrated by the following: the second Border Binational Health Week, in which 10 United States/Mexico border States participated in October 2005. La Fe was an organizer and host for the United States/Mexico border HIV/AIDS summit in El Paso in October 2005. La Fe Cultural and Technology Center hosted the HIV/AIDS Latino Awareness dinner and play in observation of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, also in October 2005. La Fe senior staff have coordinated the planning and implementation of the annual United States/Mexico border HIV/AIDS summits held in El Paso since 2005. The organizers and key presentations involved service and research expertise, persons with HIV/AIDS, and public policymakers from both sides of the border. La Fe was a planning and organizing committee member for the Border Tuberculosis Photovoice Project, "TB Everywhere is TB Anywhere", conducted at the Chamizal National Park in El Paso in March 2007, and sponsored by the United States/Mexico Border Association and Alianza por la Accion Social en TB/VIH-SIDA. In December 2008, La Fe's President and Chief Executive Officer was appointed as a Consejo Consultivo to the Institute for Mexicans Abroad. He participated in the Border Security Conference, "Securing and Managing Our Nation's Borders", in August 2007 at the University of Texas at El Paso; he made several presentations at numerous events including the National UNINSURED Latino Conference at the University of Texas (May 2006); a presentation on the theme "Health care of adolescents on the United States/Mexico border" at a national community forum on adolescent health care in Washington, D.C. (November 2006); and a presentation on immigration and border health at a Harvard University seminar series in Boston (November 2008). La Fe assisted with planning and organizing, and providing vaccination and immunization education during the National Infant Immunization Week/Vaccination Week through the inaugural event, the "Pan American Caravan for Health" conducted in El Paso in April 2008. Throughout 2008, La Fe staff participated in and hosted the local planning committee for the 67th annual meeting of the United States/Mexico Border Health Association, held in June 2009. La Fe CARE, a nationally recognized comprehensive primary care and HIV/AIDS centre, provided leadership, clinical care, training, and research presentations throughout the period 2005-2008. Examples include presentations at each of the annual United States/Mexico border HIV/AIDS summits; the XVI and XVII International AIDS Conferences in Toronto, Canada, and Mexico City in August 2006 and August 2008 respectively; and training for client community forums held in El Paso by International AIDS Empowerment, and for Mexican health professionals from Ciudad Juarez.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

La Fe's shared concerns with the Millennium Development Goals are encased in its holistic concept of *bienestar* (well-being), and service strategies to address poverty, education, maternal and child health, combat HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases, build sustainable community environments, and develop international partnerships. The organization's leadership and programme staff are active partners and participants across the border in Ciudad Juarez and other international events in Mexico for the purpose of addressing joint issues of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and immunization, access to social and health resources, and the training of Mexican health professionals. La Fe has been actively consulted by the United States/Mexico Border Health Commission and the United States/Mexico Border Health Association, which have representation from the 10 border States of Mexico and the United States.

2. Equality Now

Special, 1997

I. Introduction

Equality Now, founded in 1992, is an international human rights organization dedicated to the protection and promotion of women's rights around the world. Equality Now's mission is to end violence and discrimination against women and to gain universal recognition of women's rights as human rights through the mobilization of public pressure. Issues of concern to Equality Now include rape, domestic violence, female genital mutilation, trafficking in women, reproductive rights, the denial of equal access to economic opportunity and political participation, and other forms of violence and discrimination against women.

II. Contribution to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings

Commission on the Status of Women

Forty-ninth session, March 2005. Equality Now submitted a written statement and made an oral intervention on behalf of a coalition of non-governmental organizations on the elimination of discriminatory laws and the need to appoint a Special Rapporteur on discriminatory laws; Equality Now also co-sponsored a panel discussion with the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the theme "10 years after Beijing: still unequal before the law — highlighting laws that discriminate against women".

Fiftieth session, March 2006. Equality Now submitted a written statement urging support for the election of qualified women applicants to the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations and the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women.

Fifty-first session, March 2007. Equality Now submitted a written statement again urging the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters

Division for the Advancement of Women

Equality Now was a member of the NGO Task Force for the United Nations study on violence against women. In this capacity, we helped advise the Division for the Advancement of Women on the development of the Secretary-General's study, entitled *Ending Violence against Women: from Words to Action*, which was published in 2006.

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Forty-first session, June/July 2008. Equality Now submitted a written statement on discriminatory laws at the request of the Committee and made oral statements at the meetings with non-governmental organizations.

Forty-third session, January 2009. In July 2008, in advance of the forty-third session, Equality Now submitted a written statement on discriminatory laws in countries being considered by the Committee.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

From April 2007 to February 2008, the Director of the London office of Equality Now was a member of the NGO consulting group to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in preparation for the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking.

Office of the Secretary-General

In February 2008, the Executive Director of Equality Now participated in a panel discussion at the launch of the Secretary-General's UNiTE campaign to end violence against women.

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

In April 2008, the then President of Equality Now participated in a panel discussion, sponsored by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and held at Geneva to launch a study entitled "Project on a mechanism to address laws that discriminate against women".

C. Initiatives undertaken in support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular the Millennium Development Goals

In July 2005, the then President of Equality Now made a presentation to the Commission on the Status of Women regarding the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals.

At the invitation of the Division for the Advancement of Women, the then President of Equality Now participated in a blog on violence against women, sponsored in September 2008 by the United Nations Development Programme and the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, focusing on gender equality and the Millennium Development Goals.

3. Indian Federation of United Nations Associations

Special, 2005

I. Introduction

The Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) was formed as a non-governmental, voluntary, non-profit organization to promote international peace and understanding as envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations and to further the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies. The society was launched in 1960.

The objectives of the society inter alia are:

(a) To coordinate the activities of United Nations associations and to cooperate where appropriate with other similar bodies working for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the United Nations in India;

(b) To affiliate with the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) and to work within that framework;

(c) To educate the public about the United Nations and to generate support for the Organization.

II. Contribution to the work of the United Nations

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters

IFUNA is affiliated with WFUNA, Geneva, and, through the latter association, IFUNA has been working in close cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre in India and with specialized agencies. Some of the organized events include:

World Heritage Day, 16 April 2005, New Delhi.

World Environment Day, 5 June 2005, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India; 5 June 2007, New Delhi; 5 June 2008, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. IFUNA organized World Environment Day with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. A Seminar was organized to observe the day with the active participation of officials of the Delhi Government and the United Nations Information Centre.

WFUNA Executive Committee meeting, May 2005, Geneva. The Vice-President of IFUNA attended the WFUNA Executive Committee meeting.

World Health Day, 7 April 2007, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa, India; 9 April 2007, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India; 7 April 2008, Maharashtra.

United Nations Day, 23 October 2007, New Delhi; 24 October 2007, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa; 24 October 2008, Tamil Nadu, India; 23 October 2008, Kolkata, India; 30 October 2008, New Delhi.

International Literacy Day, 8 September 2005, New Delhi; 8 September 2008, Haryana, India.

Human Rights Day, 10 December 2006, Patna, Bihar State, India; 10 December 2007, Kolkata, West Bengal, India; 31 December 2007, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.

World Population Day, 11 July 2007 and 2008, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.

Thirty-eighth plenary assembly of WFUNA, November 2006, Buenos Aires.

Meeting of the WFUNA Executive Committee, September 2007, Beijing.

Seminar "Implications of Illegality of the Iraq War", July 2007, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. Organized by IFUNA in cooperation with the Tamil Nadu Federation of United Nations Associations and Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan.

Peace Walk, 21 September, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India. IFUNA and Andhra Pradesh United Nations Association organized a "Peace Walk" in collaboration with the Walkers Association, ABC Lighting Club and the New World Society for Friendship, Cooperation and Peace.

World Tuberculosis Day, 24 March 2008, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. IFUNA and Rotarians organized tuberculosis screening for 200 auto rickshaw drivers and slum-dwellers with help of the Specialty Hospital and Research Centre.

Seminar "Unknown Hazards of Climate Change", 18 April 2008, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

WFUNA II Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference, February 2006, New Delhi. The theme of the Conference was the "Millennium Development Goal human security in Asia and the Pacific" and IFUNA was responsible for hosting the event.

Global Millennium Goals Summit, November 2008, Mumbai, India. The summit was organized by IFUNA in collaboration with WFUNA and Jai Hind College.

In addition to organizing conferences and events the organization also publishes *IFUNA News*.

4. Institute for War and Peace Reporting

Special, 1997

I. Introduction

Organizational overview. The Institute for War and Peace Reporting strengthens local journalism and human rights voices at the frontlines of crisis and change. Reliable information and responsible debate are central pillars of democratic civil society, and our objective is to build independent and professional voices within transitional societies, while providing a robust international platform to highlight local insight and information within the international debate. Media-development programming — strengthening skills, building networks and establishing local media institutions — extends local capacity for the long term. The organization is known for its award-winning website (www.iwpr.net) and other media channels disseminating reliable and responsible reporting to widespread audiences within transitional countries and internationally. The Institute is progressing through an ambitious multi-year strategy to expand its activities regionally, increase the impact of its media training and reporting initiatives, establish a broader network of local and international partner organizations, and strengthen its support and fund-raising networks to increase impact and improve sustainability.

Aims and objectives. The Institute for War and Peace Reporting seeks to contribute to fundamental transformation in areas of conflict and crisis, launching projects with quick impacts while strategizing for long-term engagement, bringing in multiple donors and often establishing sustainable local institutions. Each Institute programme works within its own country and regional context, developed and often run by local journalists and activists with a focus on local needs and challenges, while drawing from an existing Institute "toolbox" of intensive practical training, institution-building and research/reporting projects. Training a novice reporter, supporting an expert in-depth human rights investigation, setting up a regional news agency, launching a television magazine programme — all are components of the Institute's approach. Thematic streams include conflict-sensitive reporting, women's rights and journalism, human rights and justice reporting, election coverage in the context of conflict and post-conflict societies, governance and transparency through incisive and balanced media reporting and investigative journalism.

The Institute's existing programmes cover the Balkans and Eurasia, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, working in two dozen countries or territories, and engaging more than 2,000 direct participants or beneficiaries annually.

The scale of the Institute's activities ranges from the biggest programme, in Iraq, with five major project components and 100 local staff, to "underground projects", as in Zimbabwe and Uzbekistan, with a handful of participating reporters providing unique pseudonymous inside reports. We work with journalists and editors, media owners and human rights activists. We also engage local public officials, and in some cases military officials. We partner with human rights groups and research institutes, peace organizations and a wide range of media partners, from a fledgling local newspaper or community radio station to CNN and the BBC. To extend our work and our networks, we build communities of interest among the public, within the regions, through debates and discussion forums, and internationally through the Friends of the Institute for War and Peace Reporting, committees of supporters and

engaged personalities and series of public events and discussion events, notably at the Institute's headquarters offices in London.

Some programme highlights

Programme highlights include:

Creating a Central Asian regional network linking human rights activists and organizations with media outlets and individual journalists to improve human rights reporting and to contribute to more effective public outreach and monitoring by human rights organizations, and continuing inside reporting from the closed societies of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

As a central component of the Institute's international justice programme, extending reporting, training and dialogue activities on justice in Africa, focusing on expanding training work in the Sudan, increasing radio programming for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda through the *Facing Justice* radio programmes for Africa, and helping to reconstitute vibrant and independent print and radio media in Zimbabwe in association with a network of European media-development partners; arising from our Africa programme, the Institute aims to launch its first regular podcast reports with a focus on Africa media issues, called *Africa Media Matters*.

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting is in the midst of a major 2.5-year media-development programme in Iraq. Over the next year, it will launch the second phase of a pioneering television magazine on human rights, the first in the region. Broadcast by Al-Hurriya television to a national audience across Iraq, the bi-weekly programme features reporting on human rights issues, interviews with politicians, policymakers, activists and minority representatives, and combines policy discussion with hard-hitting community reports and human-interest stories. Other programme components include elections training and reporting, strengthening links between Iraqi women journalists and activists, establishing an Iraqi non-governmental organization for journalists' safety and legal assistance, and strengthening the institutional and editorial capacity of a network of independent Iraqi print and electronic media throughout the country.

II. Contribution to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and other bodies

Sixty-first Session of the Commission on Human Rights, March/April 2005, Geneva. The Institute for War and Peace Reporting monitored the session and reported on outcomes and recommendations.

World Electronic Media Forum II, November 2005, Tunis. The Institute attended the session and launched collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) across the Middle East and North Africa region.

Human Rights Council, September/October 2006, Geneva. The Institute sent trainee reporters to Geneva to cover the event and provide analysis and content for their own media outlets and the Institute's website.

Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development, June 2006, Kuala Lumpur. The Institute sent trainee reporters from Central Asia to cover the conference and report on the outcome. Reports were carried by local and regional media in Central Asia.

Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 2007. The Institute for War and Peace Reporting has reported consistently over the years on this issue and strives for gender balance in all its training and reporting initiatives. The Institute has a long-standing relationship with UNESCO to encourage better coverage of global issues and to promote the participation of women journalists in such activities.

In 2008, the Institute was selected by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as a partner in its authoritative publication, *Refworld*, which aims to promote better informed decision-making in the field of refugee claims and asylum procedures.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting continues to train women journalists in the Middle East, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Afghanistan, Pakistan and sub-Saharan Africa on the fundamentals of balanced and fair reporting, training and mentoring them for up to two years. The Institute also works with media organizations, lobbying them to employ more women reporters and editors. These ongoing activities contribute directly to Millennium Development Goal 3, promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women.

5. International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

Special, 1997

I. Introduction

The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation is a non-profit, open membership foundation dedicated to the prevention and mitigation of disabling stress through the provision of (a) primary education, training, and crisis support services for all emergency services professions as well as for a wide range of organizations and communities worldwide; (b) continuing education in the field of crisis intervention and the management of traumatic stress for peer support personnel, members of the clergy and mental health professionals; (c) emergency psychological support consultations in times of crisis and; (d) routine consultations in regard to the establishment of community-based crisis intervention and disaster response programmes.

The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation collaborates with and provides crisis intervention training or support services for nearly 1,000 critical incident stress management teams, which currently provide psychological education and support services in 28 countries. The membership consists of peer support personnel from various professions, members of the clergy, and mental health professionals. In February 2005, the Foundation opened a European office in Langen, Germany. The main objectives of the European office are to improve communications, enhance opportunities for crisis intervention training and networking between organizations, and better serve the needs of crisis support teams that are operating in Europe.

II. Contribution to the work of the United Nations

Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters

The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation has been successful in forging formal relationships with several organizations which provide crisis intervention and traumatic stress support services, especially after disasters. Among the organizations with which it has signed memoranda of understanding are the American Red Cross, the National Organization of Victims' Assistance, the Salvation Army, and the Episcopalian Church. These groups mutually agree to support and cooperate with the Foundation's mission and, in turn, the Foundation agrees to support and cooperate with the mission of those organizations. The organizations that have signed the memoranda of understanding, furthermore, agree to provide mutual assistance during large-scale traumatic incidents. Additional proposed memoranda of understanding are currently being reviewed and involve the Department of Safety and Security of the United Nations Secretariat and the non-governmental organization World Vision.

During the months of January and February 2005, the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation collaborated with its affiliate, the Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation of Australia, and World Vision to provide crisis intervention training to tsunami relief workers who were gathered together in

Singapore and in Bangkok. After the training, the relief workers returned to their own countries to provide crisis intervention and disaster relief services in Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and other Indian Ocean countries. World Vision worked in conjunction with the World Food Programme, the Economic and Social Council, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other United Nations relief agencies to alleviate suffering in the tsunami-affected region. The Foundation's role, although indirect, was a vitally important one. Specifically, it reviewed and approved the training programme and provided much of the training material.

In June 2006, the Foundation reviewed and suggested alterations, additions, and corrections to the WHO draft document, entitled "Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychological Support in Emergency Settings". The final document was published by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee in February 2007.

In April 2006 the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation was invited to participate as a member of the Department of Safety and Security Consultative Working Group on Stress. The first meeting was held in Paris in April 2006. The Foundation was tasked with developing numerous planning documents which were due on 12 December 2006. These documents were transmitted to the Chief of the Critical Incident Stress Management Unit at the Department of Safety and Security several days before the due date. The Foundation participated in the second meeting of the Consultative Working Group on Stress at United Nations Headquarters in December 2006, and was tasked with developing 25 per cent of the training materials for the Working Group. Specifically, it was asked to prepare crisis intervention training materials on group processes. These materials were combined with training materials prepared by other consultants and the United Nations Headquarters Staff Counsellor's Office as well as the Department of Safety and Security. Ultimately, the Foundation contributed a lengthy power point slide programme, a set of instructor guidelines and approximately 100 pages of text to the *Critical Incident Stress Management* training manual of the Department of Safety and Security.

In March 2007, in Glen Cove, New York, and again in June 2007, in Paris, the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation dispatched an instructor to join a teaching team of several consultants to train United Nations counsellor personnel to provide crisis intervention support after traumatic events around the globe. The critical incident stress management training programme was developed jointly by the Staff Counsellor's Office and the Critical Incident Stress Management Section of the Department of Safety and Security. The Foundation is currently working with Department personnel to publish a professional paper on the Critical Incident Stress Management Section as well as a detailed description of the core principles of traumatic stress management.